



Tennessee Crop Weather

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ARMYWORMS, DRY WEATHER CONTINUE TO BE A NUISANCE

In West Tennessee, pastures and row crops benefitted from timely rains. Armyworms, however, continue to bring a devastating effect to pastures and late planted wheat beans, pastures, hay fields, turf, and gardens. Tomato producers are harvesting two to three weeks early because of insect pressures. Cotton, beans and corn all look good. Other activities included baling hay and spraying for armyworms and other pests. In other areas of the Western Counties, corn and soybeans are showing stress at a critical time of development. In Middle Tennessee, forage producers took advantage of good condition for harvesting hay. Army worms have continued to be a problem in Bermuda grass and soybeans. Rain is needed in East Tennessee, as dry weather is taking a toll on crops and cattle. Some cattle are being sold due to short hay supplies and others are already being fed hay from the lack of moisture. Yields from second and third cuttings of hay were dismal. Wrapper tobacco looks very promising. There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture was 3 percent very short, 20 percent short, 73 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was 2 percent very short, 19 percent short, 76percent adequate and 3 percent surplus. Hay and roughage supplies were 2 percent very short, 9 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2020	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Corn – Silking	95	90	93	96	Pasture	2	9	26	54	9
Corn-Dough	64	51	57	73	Cotton	5	8	19	58	10
Corn - Dented	13	N/A	0	17	Corn	0	3	13	62	22
Cotton – Squaring	87	79	89	95	Soybeans	1	3	17	60	19
Cotton – Setting Bolls	51	33	63	68	Tobacco	5	7	30	56	11
Soybeans – Blooming	76	65	71	80	Cattle	5	9	1	62	11
Soybeans – Setting Pods	50	35	44	53						
Tobacco- Transplanted	100	100	N/A	N/A						
Tobacco -Topped	67	55	62	56						